

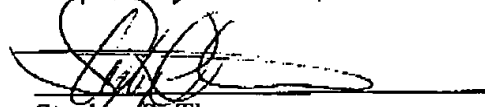
REMARKS

Claims 4-6, 15-17, and 25-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 27 and 28 are amended. Claims 1-3, 12-14, and 23-24 are canceled. It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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